

Alaska's College Readiness Assessment



House Bill 278, or The Education Act, requires all students to take a college-readiness or career-readiness assessment (CCRA) to earn a high school diploma. The approved college-readiness assessments are the ACT and the SAT; the approved career-readiness assessment is WorkKeys. This document provides an overview of the ACT assessment with links for students, parents and educators to become more familiar with this college readiness assessment.

The ACT is a national college admissions test that provides college-readiness information to students, families, and post-secondary institutions. There are five required subtests: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing test.

English	75 questions	45 minutes	Measures standard written English and rhetorical skills.
Mathematics	60 questions	60 minutes	Measures mathematical skills students have typically acquired in courses taken up to the beginning of grade 12.
Reading	40 questions	35 minutes	Measures reading comprehension.
Science	40 questions	35 minutes	Measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences.
Writing Test	1 prompt	30 minutes	Measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses. Includes an essay.

Student resource page: <http://www.actstudent.org/college>

Parent resource page: <http://www.act.org/path/parent>

Educator resource page: <http://www.act.org/aap/resources/index.html>